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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates generally to a method of modulating the proinflammatory activity of C-reactive protein in endothelial cells. More particularly, the present invention relates to down-regulation of proinflammatory activity of C-reactive protein in vascular endothelial cells. Accordingly, the method of the present invention is useful, inter alia, in the treatment and/or prophylaxis of inflammatory conditions, particularly conditions characterised by proinflammatory activity of C-reactive protein in endothelial cells.

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Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely: .

2. Claims Nos.: 1 to 23, 38 to 60 and 75 (all partially).
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
Claims 1 to 23, 38 to 60 and 75 (all partially) have all been partially searched because they are not limited to the technical feature of the invention (in accordance with PCT Rule 6.3). The technical feature of the invention as described in the specification resides in methods for modulating C-reactive protein mediated by lipoproteins, lipids and phospholipids and uses thereof.

3. Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a)

Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

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1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.: .

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